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In re Appln. of: Greenberg, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/814,989

Filed: March 31, 2004

For: MEDICAL GRASPING DEVICE

Attorney Docket No: 8627-372

Examiner:

Art Unit: 3732

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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, One Sheet of Form PTO-1449 and required references.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
4,256,113	03/17/1981	Chamness
5,330,484	07/19/1994	Gunther et al.
6,096,053	08/01/2000	Bates
6,755,847	06/29/2004	Eskuri
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6,171,327	01/2001	Daniel, et al.
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<i>"Günther Tulip Vena Cava Filter Set Jugular Vein Approach,"</i> William Cook Europe, 2003 Product Catalog		
<i>"New Retrievable Percutaneous Vena Cava Filter: Experimental In Vitro and In Vivo Evaluation,"</i> Jörg Neuerburh, Rolf Günther, Erik Rassmussen, Dierk Vorwerk, Kirsten Tonn, Stefan Handt, Werner Küpper, J. Vagn Hansen, Vol. 16, No. 4, July/August 1993		
<i>"An Improved Snare System for the Nonsurgical Retrieval of Intravascular Foreign Bodies,"</i> John W. Hubert, MD; Ronald J. Krone, MD, FSCA; Burton A. Shatz, MD; and Noah Susman, MD, Catheterization and Cardiovascular Diagnosis, 6:405-411 (1980)		

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

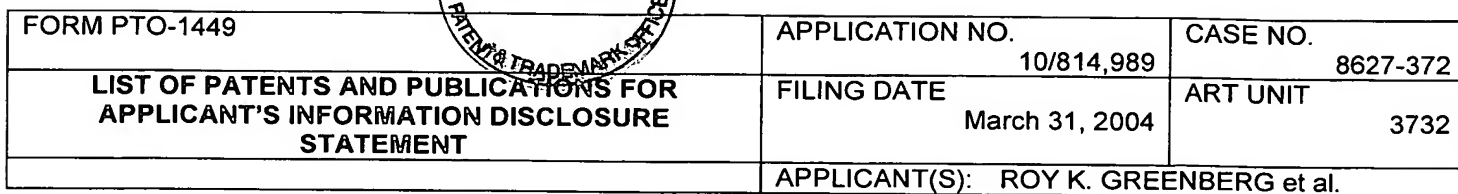
Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)	
		"Günther Tulip Vena Cava Filter Set Jugular Vein Approach;" William Cook Europe, 2003 Product Catalog
		"New Retrievable Percutaneous Vena Cava Filter: Experimental <i>In Vitro</i> and <i>In Vivo</i> Evaluation;" Jörg Neuerburh, Rolf Günther, Erik Rassmussen, Dierk Vorwerk, Kirsten Tonn, Stefan Handt, Werner Küpper, J. Vagn Hansen, Vol. 16, No. 4, July/August 1993
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